

to the Board of Transportation pursuant to the procedures contained herein.

The owner of the outdoor advertising structure who decides to appeal a decision of the District Engineer shall so notify the appropriate District Engineer of his decision to appeal by registered mail, return receipt requested, within ten (10) days of the receipt of notice of the decision of the District Engineer. The District Engineer shall then forward the notice given to him by the outdoor advertiser to the Secretary of Transportation. Within twenty (20) days from the time of submitting his notice of appeal to the District Engineer, the owner of the outdoor advertising shall submit to the Secretary of Transportation a written appeal setting forth with particularly the facts upon which his appeal is based. Within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the said written appeal or within such additional time as may be agreed to between the Secretary of Transportation and the owner of the outdoor advertising structure, the Secretary of Transportation shall then make appropriate findings of fact and conclusions pertaining to the appeal on behalf of the Board of Transportation and the findings and conclusions be served upon the outdoor advertiser seeking the review by registered mail, return receipt requested. However, if the decision of the Secretary is that the outdoor advertising structure in question is unlawful, then the findings and conclusion be served upon the owner of the outdoor advertising by certified mail, return receipt requested.

REMOVAL OF NONCONFORMING SIGNS

General Statute 136-131 authorizes the Board of Transportation to remove nonconforming outdoor advertising signs. Nonconforming signs which are subject to a removal program are those signs legally erected and maintained which are